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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S CONVERSATION
WITH THE FRENCH

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1. AUSTRALIAN MINISTER JONES SAID AUSTRALIAN PRIMIN HAD A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD AND THEN MET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD. THE AUSTRALIAN THOUGHT THAT THE VISIT WENT VERY WELL, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THE BREZHNEV VISIT WAS OBVIOUSLY MUCH MORE ON THE FRENCH MINDS THAN FRASER'S.

2. JONES THOUGHT THAT FRASER HAD ACCOMPLISHED THREE THINGS CONCERNING BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE FRENCH. 1) THE FRENCH HAD AGREED TO DISCUSS BILATERALLY AUSTRALIAN TRADE PROBLEMS (PARTICULARLY AGRICULTURAL
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PRODUCTS) WITH THE EC UNDER THE CAP. GOF SAID THAT THIS WAS A PROBLEM PRIMARILY FOR THE EC CONTEXT BUT THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM BILATERALLY. 2) THE GOF ALSO AGREED TO DISCUSS AUSTRALIAN URANIUM EXPORTS BILATERALLY. THE GOA HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER IT WOULD OR WOULD NOT EXPORT URANIUM; IT WILL MAKE THE DECISION IN JULY.

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BUT IT WOULD THEN DISCUSS BILATERALLY NOT THROUGH THE EC OR EURATOM. PRESS SPECULATION ABOUT A URANIUM CARTEL WAS BROUGHT UP, AND THE FRENCH SAID THEY WOULD OPPOSE IT VIGOROUSLY. THE FRENCH REPEATED THEIR STANDARD POLICY CONCERNING REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT AND FAST BREEDER REACTORS. 3) THE FRENCH AGREED TO CONSULT CLOSELY AND FREQUENTLY ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES AT THE MINISTERIAL AND OTHER LEVELS. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO MEET NEXT AT THE UNGA.

3. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED A LIMITED RANGE OF INTER-NATIONAL ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE TWO COUNTRIES. A) JAPAN. FRASER REPEATED IN SOMEWHAT LESS DETAIL THE VIEWS ON JAPAN HE EXPRESSED AT THE EC (REFTEL). HE SAID THAT A STABLE JAPAN WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE BASIC STABILITY OF THE "WESTERN" WORLD. THE

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EC COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO UNDER-STAND JAPAN'S PREDICAMENT AND SYMPATHIZE WITH ITS NEED FOR A STABLE SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS AND A STABLE

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MARKET FOR ITS PRODUCTS. FOR ITS PART, AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN TRYING TO GIVE JAPAN CONFIDENCE IN THE STABILITY OF AUSTRALIA AS A SOURCE FOR RAW MATERIALS NEEDED BY JAPAN. B) INDIAN OCEAN. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST IN A STABLE INDIAN OCEAN. THE AUSTRALIANS SAID THAT THEY WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF "DEMILITARIZATION" AS IT WAS DISCUSSED BY SOME. THE GOA THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE NO WEAKENING OF THE "WESTERN" MILITARY POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS. THE GOF SAID THAT IT HAD NO INTENTION OF REDUCING ITS MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AT THIS TIME AND CITED POSSIBLE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE TFAI. C) SOUTH PACIFIC LAW OF THE SEA PROBLEMS. FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA REITERATED CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GENERAL AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA THAT NO INITIATIVES SHOULD BE TAKEN UNILATERALLY AND WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS BECAUSE OF THE VERY COMPLI-CATED NATURE OF THE LOS PROBLEMS IN THE AREA.

4. FRASER ALSO MENTIONED THE PROBLEMS AUSTRALIA HAD WITH THE EC DECISION ON STEEL (REFTEL), BUT HE DWELT ON IT AT MUCH LESS LENGTH THAN IN BRUSSELS.
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